

Menasha, WI, for being selected as Goodwill Industries International 2007 Achiever of the Year.

Ms. Williams has earned this award for the bravery and spirit she displays through good times and bad. Throughout her life, Ms. Williams has overcome adversity and serious obstacles to become a proud mother and advocate for others.

Through family tragedies and personal struggles, Ms. Williams never gave up. Instead, she dedicated herself to work on behalf of others in her community. As a job coach for people with disabilities, Ms. Williams is doing her "dream job," and helping those with whom she works achieve their own dreams. In her new role as assistant store team leader she will continue to motivate others and do great things.

As her employer's name suggests, Ms. Williams exemplifies and delivers good will. She tirelessly works to improve the lives of those around her. She is able to turn what life has presented to her, both good and bad, into valuable lessons for others. She is an inspiration to her sons, her colleagues, and to all of us. As the Goodwill Industries International Achiever of the Year, she embodies the Goodwill promise of enriching individual lives and the greater community.

On behalf of our State and Nation, I join Goodwill Industries in recognizing and commending Ms. Williams, an extraordinary woman, for sharing her gifts with others.●

RECOGNIZING THE BIRCH RUN BIODIESEL PROJECT

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I recently visited Birch Run High School in Michigan to learn about its biodiesel project. This project is an innovative, forward-thinking endeavor, and I am proud that young people in Michigan are making strides to understand and begin to solve some of our Nation's most pressing concerns.

The biodiesel project was initiated in the second semester of the 2007–2008 school year at Birch Run by Mrs. Jan Pollard, a chemistry teacher at the school. Mrs. Pollard was instrumental in helping the school secure the funding necessary to establish this project by approaching officials associated with the Watershed Initiative Network—WIN—grant program. She wrote and submitted a proposal for \$10,000 to WIN, which was ultimately approved.

The biodiesel project is a part of a comprehensive effort that includes a greenhouse and a bee keeping component. The students currently working on the biodiesel project include Ross Fredenburg, the team leader; Derek Bentley; Ryan Johnson; and Dillon Fredenburg, the apprentice leader for the 2008–2009 school year. These students have completed all the construction work, installed the necessary equipment, and run the project, including all manufacturing and testing of the biodiesel fuel. They obtain, at no

cost, used vegetable oil from the school and from local restaurants to convert to biodiesel fuel. The project has produced approximately 200 gallons of biodiesel fuel thus far. By next year, the school expects to be able to provide biodiesel fuel for its entire 26-bus fleet.

This exciting project has the support of many in the community, including Birch Run School Superintendent Wayne Wright, Birch Run Principal Mike Baszler and members of the Birch Run School Board. Mrs. Pollard and her students have tirelessly worked on the many aspects of this project. And, most importantly, these students have been provided an excellent opportunity to pursue practical and timely solutions that will benefit the school, the environment, and their community.

Indeed, these young people have embarked on an important endeavor. As a Nation, we must increase the diversity of our energy sources and enhance our Nation's energy independence. Biodiesel provides a part of the solution to our energy needs. It has the potential to improve our Nation's energy independence in the near term by replacing some of the oil we import from abroad with homegrown, sustainable biofuels. Utilizing this fuel source could reduce our impact on the environment and slow changes to our climate that will otherwise threaten our future. With this new technology, we could dramatically reduce carbon dioxide emissions and help create jobs as well as spur our economy.

I know my colleagues will share my enthusiasm in recognizing everyone affiliated with the biodiesel project at Birch Run High School. I look forward to hearing about their many successes in the future.●

LOCATING BOB LEVINSON

● Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, 1 year ago yesterday, a man who had spent more than 28 years serving the United States of America, a dedicated husband and father and constituent of mine, disappeared from Kish Island, in the Persian Gulf. I rise today to remind this body of the plight of this missing person and the suffering of his family.

On March 8, 2007, Bob Levinson, a retired veteran of both the FBI and DEA, arrived in Kish—an Iranian resort island that does not require a visa to visit. From what we know, he checked into his hotel, checked out on March 9th, got into a taxi, and then vanished.

I have worked closely with the State Department and the Swiss Government to lodge a number of requests for information with the Iranian Government. Unfortunately, Iran claims it has no information on the welfare or whereabouts of Mr. Levinson.

Last December, Bob's wife Christine traveled to Iran and visited Kish on a factfinding mission. Although she did not find any proof of his whereabouts, she came away with the strong belief that Bob is alive.

Mr. President, I have worked closely with the administration to try to ascertain what exactly happened to Mr. Levinson. Today, just one day after the anniversary of his disappearance, I ask my colleagues to remember this American citizen, whose whereabouts are still unknown, and to urge the U.S. Government to do everything in its power to locate and bring him home.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S. J. Res. 25. Joint resolution providing for the appointment of John W. McCarter as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2734. A bill to aid families and neighborhoods facing home foreclosure and address the subprime mortgage crisis.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2738. A bill to identify and remove criminal aliens incarcerated in correctional facilities in the United States and for other purposes.

S. 2739. A bill to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service, and the Department of Energy, to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5318. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flumioxazin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8352-5) received on March 3, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5319. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bifenazate; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8351-6) received on March 3, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5320. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fruits and Vegetables" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0116) received on March 4, 2008;